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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: CIVIL AVIATION
WORKING GROUP - PROBLEM 2 - AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

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FOR SCIENCE OFFICE

1. SCIOFF REQUESTED TO ADVISE LEVTONOV, SCST, FOR PASSING
ON TO MIN CIV AIR, THAT DOT DISAPPOINTED BY SOVIET DECISION
TO PURCHASE SWEDISH ATC SYSTEM BECAUSE OF IMPACT ON COOPERA-
TIVE RELATIONSHIP AND, OF COURSE, LOSS OF BUSINESS OPPOR-
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TUNITY FOR US SUPPLIER. SCIOFF SHOULD ALSO MAKE CLEAR THAT

BINDER PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN THAT STANSAAB CONTRACT WAS SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 3, DURING MOSCOW MEETING OF TRANSPORTATION JOINT COMMITTEE, WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO US SIDE SINCE SUBJECT (A) BEARS DIRECTLY ON FUTURE COOPERATION IN CIVIL AVIATION FIELD AND (B) IS A MATTER IN WHICH BINDER HAD EXPRESSED EXPLICIT INTEREST. IN VIEW OF CONTRACT DECISION, PREVIOUS US OFFERS TO PROVIDE ATC SOFTWARE AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE ARE WITHDRAWN. FAA REGRETS IT IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, IN POSITION TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION, DATA OR TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD ASSIST STANSAAB IN PROVIDING ATC SYSTEM TO SOVIETS. FURTHER, AGENDA ENCLOSED WITH EDWARDS-ANODINA LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 25 SHOULD BE CHANGED BY DELETING ITEMS B (STATUS OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AUTOMATION PROGRAMS), E (SOFTWARE CONSIDERATIONS), AND G (CONTROLLER PRODUCTIVITY) FROM THE TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AND ITEMS B (CONTROL POSITION CONFIGURATIONS) AND D (AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FLOW CONTROL) FROM OPERATION SUBJECTS. WITH THOSE CHANGES, FAA STILL PREPARED TO MEET IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN MARCH 1976 AS PROPOSED IN LETTER. FYI. FAA FULLY EXPECTS SOVIETS TO ATTEMPT TO REINTRODUCE DELETED ITEMS AS COOPERATION PROGRAM CONTINUES. DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS, IT MAY BE IN US INTEREST TO BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH ATTEMPTS BECAUSE (A) CONTINUED MIN CIV AIR COOPERATION IN MLS, HAPPILY SEPARATED FROM ATC, IS IMPORTANT TO FAA, (B) STANSAAB MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ATC SYSTEM AND FAA WOULD WANT TO BE IN POSITION TO AGAIN PUSH A US BUY AND, (C) FAA, FROM SAFETY AND INTELLIGENCE POINTS OF VIEW, WISHES TO STAY ABREAST OF ATC SITUATION IN SOVIET UNION. END FYI.

2. FAA WOULD ALSO LIKE LEVTONOV TO QUERY MIN CIV AIR CONCERNING FULFILLMENT OF JUNE 13 WORKING GROUP PROTOCOL COMMITMENT OF SOVIET SIDE TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL DESCRIPTION OF "ARTS III-LIKE" ATC SYSTEM OBSERVED AT LENINGRAD VULKOVO AIRPORT ON JUNE 11. KISSINGER

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